

REMARKS

The claims have been amended. No new matter has been added to the application.

Enclosed are the following:

1. Declaration;
2. Power Of Attorney;
3. \$468 check (\$385 filing fee; \$65 surcharge; \$18 for 2 extra claims); and
4. Formalities Letter.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

Respectfully submitted,



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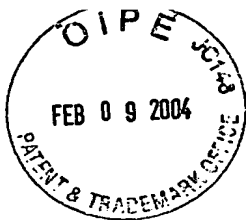
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